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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL Address to: Commissioner for Patents Box RCE Washington, DC 20231	Application Number	09/738,042
	Filing Date	December 15, 2000
	First Named Inventor	William N. Partho et al
	Art Unit	2815
	Examiner Name	Jose R. Dinz
	Attorney Docket Number	2000-0067-1

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submittedi. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on April 24, 2003

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☐ Enclosedi. ☐ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

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b. ☐ Other _____

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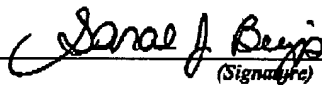
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Jose R. Diaz
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This letter is in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 14, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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In the Specification:

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Please amend the first paragraph on page 4 as follows:

Preferred embodiments of the present invention can be described by reference to the drawings. In this description and in the claims the term "horizontal" shall have the normal dictionary meaning (i.e., parallel to the horizon). Horizon means the "apparent junction of earth and sky". The term "vertical" shall also have the ordinary dictionary meaning of "perpendicular to the plane of the horizon".